

They were stated to be holding the German advance in check at Mons and that they had been in action since Sunday. But no comment on what is transpiring in the entire territory where the greatest armies of modern times are locked in a titanic struggle is forthcoming.

The British public was again warned today that it must not expect too much from the allies.

London, Aug. 24.—The location of the British over-seas expedition was revealed by the war office today, which admitted that these troops have been in the battle since Sunday. The official announcement said:

"The British expeditionary forces have been engaged with the enemy in the neighborhood of Mons, Belgium, since early on Sunday. The British lines are holding."

No statement of casualties was given.

Washington.—No assurances that the conflict between Japan and Germany will be localized to Kiao-Chau have been given to the United States.

President Wilson told callers today that Japan has failed to define her intentions beyond the announcement that she planned to take Kiao-Chau.

Tokio.—Japan will not begin offensive operations again Kiao-Chau until a note has been sent to the German governor of the province urging him to surrender. This announcement was made here today.

Pekin.—Germany has protested to China that the republic has been aiding Japan in the Far Eastern trouble and violating the rules of neutrality.

China replied to this that the warlike naval operations of the Germans in the orient has been calculated to violate the principles of the agreement whereby the Peking government leased Kiau Chau to the kaiser.

Paris.—It is officially announced by the war office that the German force that invaded Russia and was reported to have occupied Klawa has been driven back by the Russians and that the latter are now investing Soldau.

The admission by the war office that the Germans had occupied Luneville was a shock to those who had been led to believe that the French army which was operating in Lorraine was still able to hold the frontier line.

It is now certain the Germans are moving against the gap between Toul and Epinal and there is likely to be some severe fighting in that vicinity. As the result of the admission that Luneville has been occupied rumors that Nancy was threatened have been circulated.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—The Russian northern army is moving rapidly along the railway from Eydtkuhnen toward Konigsburg and today was reported west of Insterburg. The Russian front is many miles long and is reported as sweeping the entire territory of eastern Prussia clear of the enemy as it moves forward.

The Russian center today was between Insterburg and Norkitten, while the front extended in a half-circle from Grunhelde on the north far south into the lake region.

Paris, Aug. 24.—For two days the entire force of the allied armies and the invading Germans have been in contact in one of the greatest battles of modern times. Meager and heavily censored despatches today indicate that neither side has yet gained any material advantage.

The battle line extending from Mons to the Luxemburg frontier extends over a front of more than 100 miles. An official statement from the war office declares the British and French troops have assumed the offensive.

That the losses will be appalling is admitted at the war office. No comment on this phase is made, but officials watching the situation say that the death list in this, the first real battle of the war, will exceed any in the history of warfare.

Tokio, Aug. 24.—News of the progress of the Kiao-Chau expedition is withheld. Whether an attack has al-